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1. By direction of the government, commissions of engineers have been formed in Czechoslovakia to prospect the whole country for new ore and coal deposits. The assisting personnel of these commissions has been recruited from civilians found unfit for military service. War-wounded veterans, semi-invalids and school children have been engaged in these prospecting activities.
2. One large prospecting group worked in the Sluknov area. Blasting and test drilling were done in the mountains north of the town; four mines have been opened in which nickel is reported to be obtained.
3. Another research commission is working in the Teplice-Sanov area. This group is said to have discovered molybdenum near Graupen. About 170 to 180 workers are employed and 80 to 100 kg of molybdenum are recovered daily, according to reports.

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